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BUSINESS COUNCIL
OF ALABAMA

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the businesses represented by the Business Council of Alabama, and in the interest of the communities these businesses sustain, I urge you to support the pending merger between T-Mobile and AT&T, currently in FCC Docket 11-65. The combined wireless provider could offer drastically improved service and high-speed Internet access to our state.

Alabama is well aware of the advantages mobile broadband availability offers. Today, those advantages are doubly valuable, as companies strive to compete and win customers in a pinched economic climate. Mobile broadband gives businesses a competitive edge, allowing them to streamline day-to-day operations, improve the flow of communications, and reach an expanded online customer base.

Economic gain is hardly the only factor at play. Schools throughout Alabama can enjoy better instruction and learning support for teachers and students thanks to online educational applications. Meanwhile, health care centers can add efficiency to their administrative tasks and can tap into a wider range of resources by using ehealth applications. The potential opportunities for Alabama businesses and communities alike are tremendous. Please work together to approve AT&T's request for this merger.

Sincerely,

William J. Canary
President & CEO
Business Council of Alabama

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